

Lantern bug *Laternaria oculata* at Upper Thomson

Subject: *Laternaria oculata* (Insecta: Homoptera: Fulgoridae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve along Old Upper Thomson Road; 20 February 2015; 1054 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest, at the edge.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: An example of about 8 cm total length was observed 4 m up on the trunk of an unidentified tree next to the road. The accompanying picture shows the insect with its elongated rostrum pointing upwards.

Remarks: *Laternaria oculata* is the only species of its genus that is known to occur in Singapore. This distinctive insect seems to be locally uncommon, and is found mainly in forest. In Singapore, it has been recorded from the Bukit Timah and Central Catchment Nature Reserves (Upper Peirce, Upper Seletar, Lower Peirce, and Nee Soon swamp forest) (Leong et al., 2009).

Reference: Leong T. M., D. H. Murphy & L. Leong, 2009. Records of the lantern bug, *Laternaria oculata* (Westwood, 1839), (Homoptera: Fulgoridae: Fulgorinae) in Singapore, with notes on *Zanna nobilis* (Westwood, 1839). *Nature in Singapore*. 2: 495-501.



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